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Eight Candidates in Council Race; Kistler Not Running

A total of eight candidates will compete for the five vacancies on the city council in the election on Tuesday, September 19. The latest candidates to file nominating petitions before the deadline last Monday were Thomas Canning, 4-E Ridge, Francis W. White, 2-A Gardenway, and Gerald Boisvert, 7-C Crescent. They join the following five candidates who previously filed: Harvey Geller, Ben Goldfaden, Bill Phillips, Bruce Bowman, and David Champion.

The biggest surprise of the week was Mayor Alan Kistler's decision not to seek reelection. He explained that the additional responsibilities incurred in connection with his employment made it advisable for him to give up his position on the council.

"Greenbelt is still in a transitional stage," Kistler said, "and councilmen must devote a great deal of extra-curricular time in dealing with its problems. The only way I could do justice to the position would be at the sacrifice of time spent with my family, which I choose not to do."

Kistler was elected to the first of his three terms to council in 1955. In 1959 he was named mayor after finishing in a dead heat with Tom Canning as top vote-getter. Kistler views his six years in office with satisfaction, taking pride in such accomplishments of the council as the establishment of a well-rounded recreation program, initiation of a landscaping improvement program, and adoption of an advisory planning board.

Kistler states an intention to keep active in local affairs, and it is rumored that a well-known local weekly newspaper is negotiating with Kistler to write a series of columns on current civic affairs a la Truman.

Following are the biographies of candidates which have not previously been published:

CANNING

Canning has served seven consecutive terms on the city council and three terms as mayor. He was first elected mayor for 1947 to 1949 term and again resumed the mayoralty office 1955-1959. Besides his active participation in municipal affairs, he has for many years served on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Boys Club. He is also an active member of St. Hugh's Church.

Canning attended Georgetown College and is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar. He has been with the Federal Government for 28 years, the last 20 of which he has been on the legal staff, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, specializing in real estate matters.

WHITE

Born in 1922 in Montgomery County, White attended public schools in Washington, DC. Following 3-1/2 years of duty as a crew member of a Naval Patrol Bomber, he was admitted to the University of Maryland. White moved to Greenbelt in January 1950 while a senior at the University of Maryland, later graduating in 1951 from the College of Engineering.

Following graduation, White worked for the Naval Weapons Plant designing aircraft

armament. He later worked for a contracting firm, and in 1956 accepted the position of a staff engineer at Maryland University. In this capacity he assists in the planning and programming of new construction; the development of long range expansion plans; the preparation of feasibility studies and cost estimates for construction of roads, utilities and buildings, and conducts bid openings for portions of the work contracted by the University of Maryland.

White is Vice President of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Chapter 21, and has served as Chairman of the Greenbelt Recreation Advisory Committee, 1960 & 1961.

Other civic activities have included - Principal Junior High Department; Cub Scout Board, and Board of Ushers at the Greenbelt Community Church, and President of the Little League, 1957 - 1958.

The White's reside at 2-A Gardenway, and include wife Edna, son Robert, and daughters Linda and Sandy.

BOISVERT

Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1925 and came to Greenbelt in 1953 after a long-time residence in D. C. A product of public schools, he has attended Venard College, Catholic University and George Washington University, and is a Phi Delta Kappan. He is certified in neuropsychiatry and possesses degrees in sociology and administration. He did post-

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Ullrich Not Involved

A report published in last week's News Review that Gene Ullrich was one of four local youths involved in robberies of two swimming pools, including the Greenbelt pool, and a local residence has proven to be erroneous. At the time the three robberies occurred Ullrich was in Oklahoma assisting in the running of revival meetings for the National Evangelical Society. Ullrich, who had no previous police record, has been absolved of any connection with these three crimes by the county police. The News Review regrets the error.

Traffic Island Okayed

The council, by a 2-1 vote, approved last Thursday the construction of a permanent traffic island at entrance to the east parking lot. Mayor Alan Kistler and David Champion approved and Tom Canning dissented. The other two councilmen, Bruce Bowman and Edgar Smith, were absent.

Canning opposed the motion because of the alleged safety hazards created by the gas station. He felt that there was not sufficient space between the island and the gas station. Cars backing up from the air pump, he stated, spill over into the traffic lane. Also car emerging from the station run counter to the traffic.

City manager Charles McDonald pointed out that to provide maximum traffic space 6 feet is being shaved off the circular peninsula and the island itself is being reduced to a width of 18 inches. Furthermore, the city has some plans for perhaps making additional entrance and exit space to the gas station which will reduce the cross traffic danger.

Kistler acknowledged that some hazard will still exist after the island is constructed, but maintained that the situation will be better than it is now. Moreover, the current makeshift barriers are unsightly, he said. Cliff Simonson, representing the Advisory Planning Board, recommended the city action.

City Discovers \$28,000 Extra in the Treasury

By AL SKOLNIK

Disclosure that the city closed its books on June 30, 1961, with an unallocated and unexpected surplus of \$28,000 sent councilmen's minds soaring at last Thursday's special meeting. (The actual surplus was \$55,000, but most of this had been anticipated and allowed for in the 1961-62 budget).

Immediately, councilman Tom Canning put into the hopper a motion calling on the city manager to explore the possibility and legality of cutting the present tax rate, set at \$1.77 per \$100 assessed valuation last June. Mayor Alan Kistler chimed in with an amendment to effect a tax cut "of not less than 10 cents per \$100."

Councilman David Champion's thoughts sought wider horizons. He moved that any tax cut be matched by equal amounts appropriated for a capital improvements budget. He cited a backlog of badly needed projects that had been postponed from one year to another because of lack of money. He suggested that the Advisory Planning Board be as-

signed the task of preparing a 5-year capital improvements program, with a list of priorities. Champion's motion also called for a minimum expenditure of \$6,000 for capital improvements this fiscal year.

Only the city employees were left out of the picture until city manager Charles McDonald reminded the councilmen that they had promised to re-examine the pay structure as soon as the surplus amount was determined. The council acknowledged this commitment but thought that the Personnel Board was preparing a report. McDonald advised that this was not the case, and Kistler indicated that a pay raise of some kind would be voted without

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An Election Platform

Once again as it did two years ago, the NEWS REVIEW offers an election platform which it hopes all candidates will see fit to support. In the following weeks, we expect to publish the views of the candidates with respect to this platform, so that the citizens of Greenbelt will be able to make an informed choice at the coming election on Tuesday, September 19.

City Services

Greenbelt has long had an enviable reputation among Prince Georges communities for the services provided its citizens. The NEWS REVIEW views with alarm efforts to cut services (and consequently taxes) to the bone in an attempt to attract outside industry and home builders.

We maintain that such attempts are ill-advised and short-sighted. Greenbelt will remain the attractive community it is not because of lowered tax rates but because of additional services provided to beautify its parks and playgrounds, to maintain its recreation program for both youths and adults, and to assure adequate police and fire protection and public transportation.

Such an extreme budget-cutting policy can also produce false economy. For example, the present council has made a good start in its landscaping and conservation program by resodding selected park and playground areas. Unless these areas are properly maintained -- through frequent fertilization, watering, and mowing -- they will deteriorate again into "dust bowls". It is much less costly to maintain an area than to attempt to restore one to its former beauty after it has been allowed to deteriorate.

Consequently, we are proposing the adoption of the following policies with respect to city services:

1. Continued execution of a vigorous landscaping and conservation program aimed at restoring Greenbelt's ballfields, playgrounds, and green areas, with special emphasis on the employment of such additional public works personnel as is needed to maintain and to take proper care of the areas already "renovated."
2. Retention of the recreation program at its present level, with such expansion as the need develops -- for example, to include a summer program of supervised care for pre-school children.
3. Maintenance of a full-time local police department, staffed so as to provide services at all hours, including a 24-hour switchboard.
4. Maintenance of present bus service to Route I and its sub-stidization, if needed, as long as no other public transportation is available.

Capital Improvements

A principle followed by most forward-looking city governments is that permanent types of projects and constructions should be paid for through long-term financing which spreads the cost over the lifetime of the improvement, thus assuring that future as well as present taxpayers share the costs.

Greenbelt has followed this principle in constructing the fire department, Youth Center, and municipal buildings. Now Greenbelt is faced with the need for a host of other, less extensive, capital improvements such as storm drains, extension of Greenhill rd. to Hillside, construction of additional parking spaces both in the commercial center and in residential areas, resurfacing of tennis courts, and rehabilitation and development of the Greenbelt Lake area. One need not favor all these particular projects to accept the necessity for a separate capital improvements budget. Therefore, we advocate

5. Adoption of an annual capital improvements budget, to be financed by a special tax or by application of certain sums from surplus funds. The Advisory Planning Board could be assigned the task of recommending each year which capital improvement items should be given priority.

City Employees

To provide effective services, a city needs able personnel. The real level of salaries paid to city employees in Greenbelt has been steadily dropping as the result of the rising cost of living. Unless this is remedied, the city is bound to have difficulty in attracting qualified persons. The last pay raise was granted in June 1959 ranging from 3-10 percent and prior to that the last raise was for 5 percent in January 1955. Since 1959, GHI and Federal employees have received pay raises of about 7 percent. Therefore, the NEWS REVIEW advocates

6. Adoption of a general pay increase for all city employees, commensurate with the rate of increases provided by other municipal, private, and Federal agencies for employees doing similar types of work.

7. As a fringe benefit for public works and garbage disposal personnel, provision by the city of free uniforms and laundering, as recommended by the city manager in his last budget message.

City Operations

With the growth of Greenbelt, we have noticed that the office of city manager has become increasingly burdened with many administrative tasks. As a result, there have been delays in the carrying out of city council directives as, for example, with respect to the preparation of final plans for the municipal building and of rules and regulations regarding the operations and financing of the Youth Center. In order to help solve this problem, the NEWS REVIEW suggests as one possibility

8. Creation of a full-time assistant manager whose task would be to help the city manager in expediting the execution of city council directives and in scheduling and planning city administrative activities.

Surplus

Greenbelt is in the fortunate position that it can adopt most of the above-mentioned items without a tax increase. The city has just announced that it closed its books on June 30 with an unanticipated \$28,000 surplus. This is more than enough to cover the cost of a pay increase (estimated at \$12,000) and a capital improvements budget (estimated at \$7,500 for this year), while still assuring ample reserves to meet unforeseen contingencies. We therefore recommend

9. Distribution of the surplus in the FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY: (a) for a city employees pay increase; (b) for a capital improvements program for this fiscal year; and (c) for a tax cut, if legal.

Musicians in Play

"The Promised Valley", a musical play, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, at Wakefield High School, Alexandria, Virginia, at 8 p.m. Ronald Car-

ter, 16-Z Ridge, will sing the lead on Friday in this story of a Mormon pioneer. Mrs. Carter is the musical director; and Mrs. Jo Ann Thomas, 8-R Plateau, and Mrs. Dorothy Miner, 21-N Ridge, are instrumentalists

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Good Fishing, "Pop".

Nicknames tell a lot about a man. And Harry Leroy Bell, whom everyone in Greenbelt knows as "Pop," leaves behind a whole community of gratitude and affection as he departs for retirement in Florida.

Pop, who by act of the city council became the official warden at Greenbelt Lake, earned that title by his devotion to good conservation practices at the city's own fishing spot. For years he has seen that the lake was kept stocked with good game fish, has regularly fed the ducks, and has kept council and the city manager informed of the condition of the lake park. Only this summer a communication from Pop reached the NEWS REVIEW, urging bass fishermen to record their catch so that new stock could be planted to replace that caught. Similar communications from Pop have reached us regularly throughout the years.

In May, 1960, council recognized Pop's services with a special resolution, noting how he had given "unstintingly of his abilities to develop the lake area and the lake park." They cited his value to the city as liaison with the state Game and Fish Commission and with the Izaak Walton League, and his annual community service as director of the fishing rodeos for youngsters in the county.

A long bout with tuberculosis after World War I led Pop into an outdoor life. He served as animal keeper in the Washington zoo for many years. During the last war he trained fighting dogs in the Navy's canine corps. Thus, after his retirement he gravitated easily into his special area of concern with the natural, though less exotic, wildlife which he found at hand.

Greenbelt's loss will be Florida's gain. But if ever the hyacinth-choked charms of the Southern canals and fishing streams begin to fade, there will always be an empty space waiting for the slash of Pop's darting line on the Greenbelt dam.

Eight Candidates

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graduate work at American University and now is undertaking doctoral studies at Maryland University.

A Navy veteran of World War II and Korea, Boisvert was employed by the D. C. Public Health Department for ten years as charge Nursing Assistant in Psychiatry prior to entering the teaching profession. He is presently teaching "Problems of Democracy" at High Point High School and is chairman of the Social Studies Department.

He has been active in the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies and the National Council for Economic Education. He has served as alternate on the Board of Supervisors and currently is a member of the Board of Directors of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. He has been a delegate in the G.C.S. Congress. Activities also include local, state and national sociological and educational associations.

His wife, Marie, is active in community and church affairs. They and their four children reside at 7-C Crescent Road.

Rec Review

The Senior High Boys' Softball League ended last week in a three-way tie for first place. This Friday there will be a playoff for the championship, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Contact your team captain for further information.

There will be a splash party this Friday, the 26th and a Record Hop on Saturday, the 27th in the evening.

September 2nd there will be a Dedication Dance at the Youth Center from 8:30 to 11 p.m. with music by The B.J.'s. An All Round Dance Contest will be held at the dance.

CO-OP KINDER GARTEN

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN THE GREENBELT COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN. ANYONE INTERESTED MAY CALL EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING: MRS. EDNA WHITE, GR. 4-9467 MRS. JEAN MERRICKS, GR. 4-7257 FOR NORTH END SCHOOL.

Open Letter

Dear Mayor Kistler,

As members of the younger generation, we feel that it is our duty to call upon the older generation for help. We may start at the beginning by asking, "What has Greenbelt done in the way of Civil Defense?" Nothing, that is, in the way of human survival. Where are the fallout shelters and courses on human survival? What would happen if Washington was bombed? There would not be one person living in Greenbelt after the bombing since we are so close. We, the younger generation, are not afraid to face these facts. This is why we wish to bring it out in the open and do something about it.

You might then say, "O.K. you're right, but what about the financial and labor part?" If any person is not willing to help finance this fallout shelter, it should only be because this person has his own financial problems. Otherwise, we think that a collection could be made for building a few public fallout shelters, and the city could surely spare the rest. Why not, instead of building a GHI motel, build a fallout shelter? Remember, no money could ever buy a human life.

Now, some of the younger set and parents could surely give a day or so of their own time to help build these shelters. Remember, the younger generation someday wishes to become the older generation.

We would like to have this subject brought up at the next council meeting. We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Skolnik, age 13
Gail Boykoff, age 11
Phyllis Chasnoff, age 12
Reba Schwimer, age 12
Rachelle Chasnoff, age 14

Reply

My Dear Young Friends,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of August 4, 1961, on the subject of civil defense for Greenbelt.

Your letter was read at the City Council meeting Monday August 14, 1961, and as a result of the ensuing discussion, we have taken steps to reactivate our civil defense program for the City of Greenbelt.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving us the benefit of your views and for your expression of optimism for the future. It is always encouraging to those in a current role of leadership to receive evidence that the young people of our society--our most precious asset--are alert, interested, and concerned about the world in which we all live and which one day they will govern.

Thank you and God bless you,
Sincerely yours,
ALAN KISTLER
MAYOR

Civil Defense

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Barbara Skolnik, Reba Schwimer, Gail Boykoff, Phyllis and Rachelle Chasnoff for their letter to the City Council, which action resulted in the formation of a committee on Civil Defense. It seems strange that the initiative in such a vital area had to come from youngsters; are still too many adults justifying their inactivity with a "nothing can be done anyway" phrase?

We are quite fortunate to have the expert advice of the County Civil Defense Director Hal Silver available, to have the County Office of Civil Defense located next door in the Armory, and to live in a city well versed in community planning. But what still seems to be lacking is the

general interest of the citizens. I hope that soon more will be heard of and done on this subject.

During a recent discussion it was mentioned that one of the major dangers was the possible extended contamination of avail-

able water supplies, due to the fact that reservoirs are built out in the open. Would the erection of one or more community wells be desirable and feasible?

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By ELAINE SKOTNIK GRanite 4-6060

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergin, 16-B Ridge. Edward Paul was born July 28, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. He joins Peter, Bobby, Janice, Harold, Lorrie, and Betty Ann. The newcomer's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Bergin, of Hyattsville, now boasts of 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The John Hagstroms, 6-A Plateau, have a brand new baby--John Daniel.

Congratulations to the Joseph Sowards, 35-A Ridge, who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. We wish them many, many more.

Paul Manchak, 1-B Westway, was one of twenty chosen to participate in a special two-week workshop in electronics at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Manchak will be teaching at the Springbrook High School in Montgomery County in the fall.

The Earl Dachslogers have moved to 3-C Plateau.

The new residence of the Jerry Deans is 50-E Ridge.

The William Helms are now living at 21-J Ridge.

The William Roigs have a new address -- 56-A Crescent.

The Robert S. Dorseys are residing at 12-H Hillside.

Little Kelly Reamy, 6-F Research, celebrated her first birthday on Wednesday, August 23, with a little one-year old type party.

Private Matthew J. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T.

McDonald, 28 Woodland Way, is currently undergoing an 8-week basic training course with the Third Training Regiment, (BCT), at the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA), at Fort Knox, Kentucky. McDonald is a 1961 graduate of DeMatha High School.

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County Commissioners

Weigh I-1 Zoning Here

The Prince Georges County Commissioners, meeting last week, took under advisement a request for industrial zoning for an electronics plant to be located opposite the junior high school building in Greenbelt. Individual commissioners are expected to visit the site before rendering a decision on the request.

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waiting a report from the Personnel Board. City employees have not had a pay increase since June, 1959, when the raises ranged from 3% for the higher-paid groups to 10% for the lower-paid groups. The previous raise was 5% in January, 1955.

Both Canning's and Champion's motions were passed unanimously by the three members of the council present. Councilmen Bruce Bowman and Edgar Smith were absent. The council expects to follow up these motions at a special meeting, date to be announced.

The major factor responsible for the surplus was the underestimation of city revenues. Greenbelt's share of state taxes was higher than anticipated; also the amount of assessed property added to the city tax rolls during the year. Another source was the amounts appropriated but not expended by the city departments, especially the sanitation department, by June 30.

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A resident complained that a solicitor acted rude while trying to make a sale. Since he did not have a local solicitor's license, he was sent out of town.

Five youths, 18 and 19, were picked up by police at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday on charges of being disorderly. These boys were fined approximately \$17 apiece.

There were two reports received last week from two courts, not too far apart, of tail lights being taken from parked cars.

An illegally parked car at 50 Ridge was impounded by police and towed to the Co-op Gas station, where it remained until payment of the illegal parking fine was made.

Bicycle registration will be held on Saturday, August 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the firehouse.

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City Hours

By Alan Kistler

As a news item elsewhere in this issue of the GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW reports, final accounting of the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, indicates a surplus of some \$55,000 - \$36,000 higher than reflected in the 1961-62 budget. This is a substantial amount, the highest in years.

That a surplus would be available for inclusion in this current year's budget was known, of course. Council placed \$18,000 in the official statement but expected several thousand more - hoped it might even reach \$24,000. The difference, it was explained at the final budget meeting, would be used for salary adjustments and, if possible, capital improvements and additional personnel.

Since the highest councilmanic speculation as to the size of the surplus was still some \$30,000 less than the actual amount now indicated, two questions inevitably must arise: "How did so large a surplus come about?" "Why did City Council not anticipate this amount and make compensating adjustments in its budget document - both as to expenditures and revenues?"

We must keep in mind that every public budget document is a statement of expectation rather than an exact, precise account. The current budget was based upon all the information and insight available at the time of its adoption. The surplus over and above the anticipated amount resulted from: (a) revenues that could not be anticipated and (b) non-expended funds previously appropriated.

What were the unforeseeable revenues? Largest item in that category was the approximately \$10,000 derived from real property. Some of the additional income from this source stems from initial placing on the tax rolls of new free standing homes and apartment buildings. There is a time lag between property assessment and tax placement. A delay of a few days in tax roll inclusion around the time of a fiscal year change could mean the receipt of taxes in a different tax year. Basing revenue predictions on such an item in those circumstances would be irresponsible.

The more significant factor in the revenue increase in this account is the discrepancy between our budget year and tax year, the former being from July 1 to June 30, and the latter conforming to the calendar. Part of our real property is taxed on one year's tax rate and part on the succeeding tax year's rate. The tax rate adopted for the current budget year, being higher than that effective during the last half of the previous fiscal year (i.e., the first six months of 1961) produced higher income when applied to the tax base - an income that could not be anticipated until passage of the budget and establishment of the new tax rate.

Another approximately \$5,000 additional revenue came in the form of family rate swimming pool membership payments received prior to the close of the fiscal year. In the absence of previous experience, no realistic estimate of this income could be made.

An increase in income tax payments to the city in the amount of about \$2,000 resulted apparently from two developments - additional residents in the new apartments, and an upward movement in the per capita income level of the community.

Close to \$1,700 additional income came in part from business inventories higher than previous experience had indicated, and possibly from some overcom-

Swimmers Compete

The Prince-Mont League had its all-star meet on Saturday August 19 at the Adelphi Swimming Pool, with 15 teams competing for top swimmers of the season. Earning the meet points by winning first, second and third places was the strong Cheverly team, with Hillandale coming in as runner-up.

Greenbelt was represented by its eligible swimmers, George, Kixie and RoseMarie Aulisio, Harold Goldberg, Kendra Keeney, Kathy Labukos, Tom Hieber, Gary Peacock and Billy Webb.

The Aulisios all took 6th place, with George and Kixie in breast-stroke and RoseMarie in Back-stroke. Gary Peacock, competing in the 14 and under events, took second place in 50 meter butterfly and 3rd place in 50 meter free-style. Kendra Keeney, in the girl' 14 and under event for 50 meter free-style, took 3rd place.

Harold Goldberg earned

recognition for Greenbelt by coming in first in the 50 meter back-stroke, fourth in 50 meter free-style and second in the individual junior medley. Billy Webb, also in the 12 and under events, earned third place for 50 meter back-stroke and fourth place for 50 meter breast-stroke.

Tom Hieber took third place in the 17 and under 50 meter back-stroke, and Kathy Labukos, Greenbelt's youngest qualifying entrant, took second place in the 10 and under, 50 meter back-stroke.

These Greenbelt swimmers had to earn first or second place awards in the recently held Division championships in order to be eligible for the League Championship meet.

1,496 Voters Eligible

A record total of 1,496 voters are eligible to vote in the city council election on Tuesday, September 19, according to preliminary figures released by the city clerk's office. This figure includes those who registered during the special registration period this summer and those who had registered previously and had voted during either of the two preceding elections.

The last three registration days of August 18, 19 and 21 saw 145 persons turn out. This large number is attributed to the special edition of the News Review, which contained the names of all persons registered as of July 1, 1961. Names omitted from that list may have registered since July 1. About 145 persons had registered between July 1 and August 17.

In 1959, 1,419 citizens registered to vote and in 1957, 1,097. The number actually turning out to vote, however, is generally much smaller. In 1959, 1,096 ballots were cast and in 1957, 781 ballots.

Talent Hunt Is On

Mrs. Joseph Vella, Chairman of the talent show for the Greenbelt Festival, needs more talent for the program. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, etc., and are an amateur or non-professional, call Mrs. Vella at GR. 4-6134.

Mrs. Victor Fisher, Chairman for the variety portion, is also still looking for performers. The variety portion of the Festival program is non-competitive, and professional and non-professional talent is invited. Call Fisher at GR. 4-6787.

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Plans, specifications and other contract documents may be examined at -

- City Manager's Office, Greenbelt, Maryland
- Dodge Reports Plan Room, 900 F Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.
- Blue Reports, 1145 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
- Office of Satterlee and Smith, Architects, 3 Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C.

on or after 12:00 Noon, August 24, 1961. Sets may be obtained at the City Manager's office. General contractors will receive two full sets upon deposit of \$40.00, and subcontractors will receive one full set upon deposit of \$20.00, fully returnable upon submission of bid and return of plans and specifications in good reusable condition.

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